



SURREY

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

SURREY HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 22nd July 2004

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: Chobham Parish Pavilion, Chobham.

Members present:

Surrey County Council [5]

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)

Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)

Dr B J Coffin (Heatherside & Parkside)

Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)

Mr John Phillips (Frimley Green & Mychett)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [3]

Cllr Keith Bush

Cllr Vivienne Chapman

Cllr Patricia Pearce

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.
The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes of this are in Annex A.

Part 1. In Public - Part A.

109/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Councillors Fred Chipperfield and from Borough Councillors Moira Gibson and Terry King.

110/04 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 10th June 2004.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

111/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Maurice Neighbour declared a personal interest in Item 11 as he is involved with the Frimley Community Centre.

John Phillips declared a personal interest in Item 11 as he is involved with both the Deepcut Village Community Centre and the Frimley Community Centre.

Keith Bush, Patricia Pearce and Vivienne Chapman declared prejudicial interests in Item 21.

112/04 PETITIONS

None notified.

113/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None notified.

114/04 MEMBER QUESTIONS

None notified.

115/04 PROPOSED VIRTUAL YOUTH CLUB FOR SURREY HEATH

David Waine and Joel Bailey from Surrey County Council's Youth Development Service outlined the report. The work of the Youth Development Service must be focussed on activities with 13 – 19 year olds and those at risk of exclusion or committing anti-social behaviour. Young people want to access information from one source. This proposal sets out to use the Internet to enable young people to access a whole range of information.

The site will also be able to offer advice and information on health and substance misuse etc. The site could be used as a consultative tool.

This has been driven by young people across the Borough and will be properly regulated.

The company consulted designs children's websites for many companies including the BBC as so is highly experienced in providing safe sites.

Members raised concerns over the costs which are comparable to the running costs of a static youth club. Members were also concerned about the security of the site.

Joel Bailey assured Members that the site would be secure and safe for young people to use and would be regularly monitored. The site could contain closed, secure chat rooms but not for recreational purposes. This project will fit in with the Surrey E-Partnership.

Members requested that Officers bring a more detailed report including a business plan and a budget breakdown to the meeting in October 2004.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee:

1. noted this report, and:
2. agreed, in principle, to allocated funds of £15,000 towards the project following a further detailed report to the Committee in October.

116/04 LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

Members discussed the report. Members requested that the focus of activities was on “your community” and not on “Surrey Heath” as many rural communities do not identify with the Camberley area.

The Committee agreed to support all the options and to allocate £1,000 towards the “picture this” project.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath decided which options it wished to support.

117/04 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE FRIMLEY ROAD POST OFFICE

Members noted the need to understand the reasons behind closures.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed to:

- 1) object to the proposed closure of the Frimley Road Post Office, on the grounds outlined below,
- 2) that this view is confirmed formally back to the Post Office’s Head of Area

118/04 STANDING CITIZEN’S PANEL REPORT

Members discussed the report.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee:

1. discussed the report, and:
2. decided to allocate £500 to purchasing advertising space in local newsletters and magazines to promote the County Council’s services.

119/04 MEMBERS’ ALLOCATIONS

In addition to the allocations listed in the report, Members agreed to fund:

- Camberley Sea Cadets Minibus, £3,000
- Frimley Community Association – refurbishment of kitchen. £3,000
- Surrey Fire and Rescue – Display Boards. £750

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Noted the breakdown in the Annex,
2. Decided which allocations it wishes to approve.
3. Agreed the variation to the funds already allocated to the Surrey Heath Young Parents Group

120/04 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved the forward plan of committee reports and suggested any additions

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

121/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

County Councillor Brian Coffin left the meeting.

Part B – Transportation.

122/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 109/04.

123/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As before.

124/04 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman regarding speed limits on the Portsmouth Road. Maurice Neighbour informed the Local Committee that speed limits had already been assessed on the Portsmouth Road and that a report would be brought to the next Local Committee.

125/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

126/04 MEMBER QUESTIONS

None.

127/04 ALMA DETTINGEN - DEEPCUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

This report was presented following consultation that saw all frontages supporting the road closure, including the Ministry of Defence. The developers have agreed to fund this closure. The Alphiston Road Resident's Association have raised issues and these have been dealt with by the Local Transportation Director.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved:

1. The construction of the 'Preferred' Traffic Calming scheme, including the advertising of all necessary Traffic Regulation Orders; all as broadly indicated on Drawings attached at Annex 2; and
2. The advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict through vehicular use by Motor vehicles on Blackdown Road/Bellew Road (with emergency only exemptions for military vehicles) in a precise location to be agreed with the Chairman, the Local Member, the Local Transportation Director and Transportation Development Control, and

3. That the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman and the Local Member be authorised to consider and resolve and address any detailed design changes and objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders.

1280/04 A319 / BENNER LANE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

This report has been presented following consultation in areas agreed by both County and Borough Councillors. It was noted that everyone involved wanted a safer West End. Some unofficial surveys had been carried out, but these focused on the provision of a roundabout, which is not a viable option. Concerns were also raised by Members regarding misleading information at a public meeting. No Officers attended at this meeting. Windlesham Road and Benner Lane will be looked at further in the future. Additional measures may also be looked at in the future.

There has only been one accident since the temporary scheme was put in and this is a huge reduction. Post implementation safety audits will be carried when the scheme is made permanent.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) gave approval to make a Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permanently close Church Road as trialled and defined in the proposed scheme for the junction with Benner Lane and the A319; and
- ii) agreed that the approved safety improvement scheme be implemented at the earliest practicable time subject to land acquisition.

129/04 LAND WEST OF PARK STREET DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, CAMBERLEY TOWN CENTRE

Andy Stokes, Surrey County Council's Senior Development Control Engineer presented the report.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

1. Noted the content of this report and that further report/s will be presented to the Committee for agreement of the various highway and transportation measures in due course.
2. Agreed to contact Transportation Development Control with regard to any issues relating to the proposed development and associated works

130/04 CAMBERLEY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE - TOWNSIDE PLACE, LANCASTER DRIVE & MARKHAM COURT

It was noted that Surrey County Council Officers had worked closely with local residents on this scheme.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) gave approval to extend the Controlled Parking Zone into Townside Place, Lancaster Drive and Markham Court, Camberley.
- ii) delegated authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee to agree the extent of the restrictions that arise out of the consultation with local residents and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order

- in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to that effect, and subject to no objections being maintained, the traffic Order be made,
- iii) agreed that the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

131/04 SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS – PROGRESS

The Local Committee will look at where and when mobile traffic speed alert signs are used. The progress of the new speed assessment policy will be looked into.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath noted the report.

1324/04 STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2004

Consultation has shown that the schemes are supported.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath agreed to proceed with schemes as previously agreed

133/04 SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

Ian Ransom, Surrey County Council's Principal Officer - Safety Engineering and Education, attended the meeting and outlined the report.

Such partnerships have been successful across the UK and do not see cameras as a panacea to solve all speeding problems. The cameras are successful in detecting both motorcyclists and car drivers who speed. Surrey Police are hoping to run speed awareness education courses instead of just giving points and fines. Catching people speeding is seen as a failure as people have not obeyed the speed limits. The information gathered from speed cameras will be used to look at the issue of speeding.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee noted the report.

134/04 DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Members discussed the report. It is hoped to have DPE in place by 1st September 2005. Surrey County Council will underwrite the costs.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath

1. welcomed the Borough Council decision to enter into an agency agreement to operate DPE in Surrey Heath and requested the Local Transportation Director to write to the Borough Council on the basis of the response outlined in paragraph 5; and,
2. delegated authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee to work with the Borough Council to progress DPE within the District and in particular to negotiate the detail of the agency agreement,
3. delegated authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and relevant County Council and Borough

- Council Ward members to advertise Road Traffic Orders and Consolidation Orders as necessary to progress DPE within the District,
4. and subject to no objections being maintained the Orders be made, and
 5. the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee resolve any objections received in connection with the Orders

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135/04 SECTION 14 (1) and (2) DELEGATED POWERS

This report was for information only.

136/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 9.23 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath.
22nd July 2004 – 7 pm Chobham Pavilion, Chobham

1. Jill Axtell

In September 2002 I submitted 13 claims for a path to be made up to a Public Right of Way. What has happened?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

A reply will be sought from Rights of Way at County Hall.

2. John Looby, Old Dean, Camberley.

When will there be an adventure playground on the Old Dean?

Reply from Mike Abbott – Local Director

This is a Surrey Heath Borough Council responsibility. An informal Old Dean Action Plan has been produced and the playground is in this plan. I will talk to SHBC Officers this week about progress and get back to you.

3. John Smith, Benner Lane, West End.

Have all Councillors seen a letter dated February 03 from P.C. Harley? What has been done about it?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

Discussions have been held with P.C. Harley and things have moved on since it was written. The letter was sent to an SCC officer and so would not have been circulated to Councillors.

4. Adrian Ince – Chobham

What are the Committees views on the refunding of costs paid to SCC for access to Common Land? Despite a ruling by the House of Lords that such charges were erroneous, no money has been returned to local residents.

Rely from Lavinia Sealy – County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley

There has not been a court ruling to say this money should be returned. My personal view is that they should be returned until the situation is sorted out. SCC's Executive has said that the situation may change in the future.

Mike Abbott – Local Director will reply to Mr Ince.

5. Mr Hardcastle

Is it true, as in a letter from Mrs Charlton, that SCC's position will be difficult to maintain? And what does this mean?

Reply from Mike Abbott – Local Director

A reply will be sent.

6. Mr Crow

Please postpone any decision on Benner Lane until all options are costed with an impact analysis and full consultation with residents. There has been an accident recently, the fire service have issues and the 40 mp speed limit is ignored.

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

We have information from the Police regarding the accident, there were no injuries and all involved declined hospital treatment. A full report has not yet been received.

7. Howard Hyde, Deepcut Bridge Road

Has a traffic calming scheme been agreed that includes Bellew and Lakeside Road? Is it right to go ahead with the preferred scheme with other measures to follow? There has been a fatality and this scheme is wanted by local residents.

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

No decision yet as it is on tonight's agenda.

8. Howard Hyde, Deepcut Bridge Road

The road between Gordon's Road and Brook Place is very dangerous. What is being done about speeding?

Reply from Maurice neighbour – County Councillor for Camberley east and Chair of the Local Committee

The limit has been reduced to 40 mph. We will talk to Inspector Paul Farrow as enforcement is a Police issue.

9. Mr Crow

The signs showing the 40mph are too small

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

They are the legal size required.

10. Sally Please, West End

Please make the Benner Lane scheme permanent

11. Edward Bantor

When will part 2 of the Strategic Assessment of Traveller needs be done?

Reply from Mike Abbott – Local Director

We will find out and get back to you.

12. Francis Docley, Deepcut

Do you have any information on the proposed Health Spa? It has been in progress for two years now.

Reply from Andy Stokes - Senior Development Control Engineer

There have been problems between the joint applicants – this is not in SCC or SHBC hands.